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a piezoelectric actuator with a permanent and fixed prestress, said piezoelectric actuator being contacted by said hollow body, said top cover plate, and said bottom cover plate.

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Claim 4 (amended). The piezoelectric assembly according to claim 1, wherein said hollow body has apertures at least partially determining said elasticity of said hollow body.

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-- 6. The piezoelectric assembly according to claim 1, wherein said elasticity of said hollow body is matched to a desired manner of operation of said piezoelectric assembly.

7. The piezoelectric assembly according to claim 1, wherein said piezoelectric actuator has an extension direction and is inserted into said hollow body in said extension direction between said cover plates for prestressing said actuator.

8. The piezoelectric assembly according to claim 1, wherein said prestress of said piezoelectric actuator corresponds with said elasticity of said hollow body.

9. The piezoelectric assembly according to claim 1, wherein said piezoelectric actuator has a shape, and said hollow body is matched in shape to said shape of said piezoelectric actuator. --

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